RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: (*a*) The *statement is laid on the table.

(*b*) Petitions are first registered before enquiries are instituted. Petitions containing allegations of a serious nature are enquired into by Inspectors, while the others are endorsed to the Head Constables for enquiry and report. When as a result of this enquiry a cognisable offence is disclosed, a case is at once taken up and a regular investigation is pushed through. In all other cases the parties are advised and let off with a warning that they should not give rise to further complaints.

Labour Disputes.

22 **MR. P. S. MUHAMED**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what arguments were raised by the employers against the demands of the Labour Union;

(*b*) whether the Labour Commissioner had gone into the dispute of the employers and labourers arising out of the wages question;

(*c*) if so, the date of his first interference in the dispute;

(*d*) the decision of the Labour Commissioner in the dispute of the wages;

(*e*) the issues that were raised before him in connection with the dispute;

(*f*) whether the labour representatives and the employers' representatives accepted the decision of the Labour Commissioner; and

(*g*) if both parties accepted the decision, the reasons for further dispute between the labourers and the employers?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The questions are vague and indefinite.

Poverty in Ambalapuzha and Shertala.

23 **MR. P. S. MUHAMED**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any information about the acute poverty of the agricultural people in the village parts of Ambalapuzha and Shertala taluks?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: There is some distress among the people in the coastal pakuthies, but it is not so acute as it was during the last year.

Grant of attested copies of petitions.

24 **MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether attested copies of original criminal petitions filed in Magistrates' Courts and the Police reports thereon, are granted to parties to the petition, on their application, if the Magistrates after receiving Police reports simply record such petitions or do not take any further action on the petition; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reason for the rule?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) and (*b*) Attested copies of petitions filed in Magistrates' Courts are usually granted when they are applied for by petitioners or counter-petitioners. Attested copies of Police reports are generally granted only if they are admitted in evidence and become part of judicial papers.

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* *Vide* Appendix XV.—page.

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